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Continued Excellences in Safety

Navy Lakehurst Wins Chief of Naval Operations Safety Award

March 1, 2005, Lakehurst, NJ – Naval Air Engineering Station (NAES) Lakehurst has been honored by winning the prestigious Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Award for Achievement in Safety Ashore for a medium industrial installation during the year 2004. This award will be presented at the Safety Professional Development Conference in San Diego, CA in early April.

The award recognizes outstanding support and achievement in safety and occupational health by an organization's demonstration of direct support for the Secretary of Defense's 50% mishap reduction goal. It also recognizes the display of safety leadership, innovative and enthusiastic marketing of safety and the promotion of a superior level of safety culture within the organization.

“We are honored to have been selected for such an important award, said CAPTAIN Mark Bathrick, NAES Lakehurst Commanding Officer.” “Building and maintaining a robust safety culture is a key element of our effort to provide cost-wise support to the warfighters we serve and to care for the extraordinary team that enables that support. Safety is a team effort and once again, the Navy Lakehurst team has been recognized for unparalleled excellence in this important area.”

The Secretary of the Navy established the Department of the Navy Safety Excellence Awards Program to personally recognize Navy and Marine Corps commands that have demonstrated exceptional operational excellence by sustained mission success with simultaneous exemplary safety performances. By winning the CNO Safety Award, NAES Lakehurst will now compete for the Secretary level award.

In addition to this latest recognition, NAES Lakehurst earned the 2002 Secretary of the Navy Award for Achievement in Safety Ashore, and was authorized to fly the Secretary of the Navy’s safety flag for one year. In 2003 and 2004, NAES Lakehurst earned the superior performance award for most outstanding federal safety and health council in the country from the department of labor, occupational safety and health administration (OSHA).